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Regents to take action in April

Athletics, CCS may survive budget crunch

By TAMMY COLEMAN
News Editor

UNO will retain both intercollegiate athletics and the College of Continuing Studies if the new cuts recommended at Saturday's Board of Regents meeting are approved, said UNO Chancellor Del Weber.

Both programs had been suggested for possible elimination during the January regents' meeting.

University President Ronald Roskens outlined his recommendations Saturday after studying budget reports prepared by the chancellors from all three campuses (UNO, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the Medical Center).

Saturday, Roskens proposed a total of \$467,000 to be cut from the two UNO programs as part of a university-wide \$3.1 million budget reduction mandated by the state legislature.

UNO currently receives \$550,000 in state funds for athletics. Roskens' new proposal calls for \$300,000 to be cut from that total.

He proposed a total cut of \$525,000 to athletics between UNO and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, including \$60,000 to be cut from the Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. Roskens originally had suggested a cut from both campuses of \$940,000 for athletics.

"We'll have to reduce some expenditures in the athletic department. We're not going to eliminate sports," Weber said.

Weber said he has a number of options in mind for replacing the lost funding.

"We're going to sell pickle cards (a legal form of gambling used to raise funds for charity organizations)," he said, "and

we'll look at the possibility of getting more help from our alumni."

A student fee increase is another fund-raising possibility, Weber said. "It's a combination of actions that we'll take to try to keep athletics viable," he said.

The rest of the cuts at UNO would be absorbed by the College of Continuing Studies (CCS) under Roskens' proposal.

He suggested that \$167,000 be cut from the state funding that now supports UNO's CCS. The money would be cut from the total allocated by the state for renting the Peter Kiewit Conference Center (PKCC), Weber said.

The Legislature provided \$507,108 for renting PKCC for the 1986-87 year, Weber said. "Then they say to us 'okay now you have to pay as much rent back as you can,'" he said.

UNO sets aside \$100,000 every year for that purpose, Weber said, leaving \$407,108 provided by the state. "It's those dollars we're talking about," he said.

The \$167,000 reduction leaves the college with \$240,108 for rent for fiscal year 86-87, Weber said.

"What it means is that in order to keep that building open, we must replace those state funds with earned dollars," he said.

Weber said the possibility exists for laying off two or three people to help make up the lost funds. Other options include a price increase for classes at PKCC and a decrease in the space used by UNO at the conference center, Weber said.

"We'll try to down-size the space, increase the price, and do a number of things like that. We're hopeful that by doing some of those kinds of things, we can make up for this \$167,000 the president's talking about," he said.

The regents will make a final decision on the cuts at their April 11 meeting. In the meantime, they will hold public hearings on the programs suggested for elimination under the new recommendations.

The cuts recommended by Roskens are:

UNO	
Intercollegiate Athletics.....	\$300,000
College of Continuing Studies.....	\$167,000
TOTAL.....	\$467,000

UNL	
Intercollegiate Athletics (eliminates state support for the program).....	\$165,000
Devaney Sports Center	\$60,000
College of Continuing Studies.....	\$100,000
School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis	\$1,245,000
Support Services	\$65,000
TOTAL.....	\$1,635,000

UN Medical Center	
College of Continuing Studies (eliminates state support for the program).....	\$169,000
College of Nursing, Lincoln Div.....	\$518,000
Community Dentistry Program	\$120,000
Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute (eliminates two programs)	\$166,000
TOTAL.....	\$973,000



Green thumbs

Photo by Akitoshi Kizaki

Mark Aupperle holds a new tree in place while Ed Romero fills in dirt around its base Friday. The trees are part of UNO's beautification work.

Faculty Senate approves designated smoking areas

By TIM McMAHAN
Staff Reporter

A resolution banning smoking in all university buildings except where designated, including faculty offices, was passed Wednesday by the Faculty Senate.

Provisions of the resolution state that as of June 1, 1988, smoking should be permitted only in specially ventilated lounges in each large building to keep smoke from entering air circulation systems. By Sept. 1, 1988, smoke-free lounge areas are to be available in each large building except in buildings where smoking is presently not permitted. The lounges should be at least equivalent in area to the "smoking" lounges.

The resolution would not allow smoking in any other indoor areas on campus, including classrooms, entryways, elevators, dining areas, restrooms, or faculty offices.

"The point that is being made here is to designate a smoking area rather than a no-smoking area," said Faculty Senator William Corcoran, associate professor of economics. There is mounting evidence that tobacco sidestream smoke is injurious to the health of non-smokers, Corcoran said. Because air in UNO buildings is recirculated through the heating and air-conditioning systems with little fresh air introduced, smoke is distributed throughout the buildings, he said.

Opposition to the resolution was raised by Faculty Senator Bernard Kolasa, who questioned evidence of the sidestream smoke's harmful effects. "Until we have more conclusive evidence, I'd be very reluctant to tell my colleagues that they can't smoke in their offices because it's hurting me. I haven't seen conclusive evidence that that's the case," Kolasa said. Kolasa proposed amending the resolution to exclude private and enclosed offices, but the

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—Senator William Corcoran

amended resolution did not receive enough votes to be approved.

"Our problem is clearly ventilation," said Faculty Senator Bruce Baker, professor of English. "On one hand, for the resolution to provide a place that is ventilated and yet to allow people to stay in their offices, as we presently do, to smoke with doors open and no ventilation,

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Nurse fills Health Center vacancy

By BETTY DYHRBERG
Senior Reporter

Ruth Hanon, a registered nurse, has been hired full time to oversee the day-to-day operations of the UNO Health Center.

Hanon has associate and bachelor's degrees through UNO and Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She also has earned a master's degree in counseling and guidance.

"I came to UNO so I could have a chance to use my



Hanon

counseling skills and still be involved with nursing," Hanon said. "So far I have done a lot of basic band-aid and ice cube therapy."

Hanon has worked in the Student Health Center since Feb. 23.

"A major portion of her job is nursing duties and health education," said Barbara Hewins-Maroney, coordinator for Special Programs. "We wanted to hire someone with nursing and counseling experience. We also wanted someone who could provide health information to students, and who had experience in educational program development."

Hewins-Maroney said Hanon was selected for the job because of the kind of experience she has and the way she relates to students.

"When we took the candidates for the job over to Health Services, a student was there who had a cold," Hewins-Maroney said. "Ruth

just took over. She said we should be doing this and doing that and helped the student with the problem. She has so much vitality."

As a registered nurse, Hanon is able to make a nurse's diagnosis based on her observation of a person's symptoms. She can also counsel students, give first aid, and refer students to a medical center, their family physician, or a specialist.

"A lot of people come in with minor aches and pains or to weigh themselves," Hanon said. "But some come in with a hidden agenda. They don't sleep well, they don't eat well, then they wonder why their bodies are sick. I often ask them how they manage stress," she said. "This is often the underlying problem with a lot of students."

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Clarification

In the March 13 issue of the Gateway, it was reported that "Cuts to the College of Continuing Studies will result in the elimination of the college. There's no other alternative," Weber said. "The cuts" referred to were proposed at the January regents meeting.

"What I was saying was if the president (University President Ronald Roskens) was to carry through with his recommendations as he initially laid them out, we would have to eliminate the College of Continuing Studies," Weber said Saturday. Other solutions to CCS' budget problems are being considered, Weber said.

Comment

Except in this case

'Surrogate' babies belong to their biological moms

What can you buy for \$10,000? A small car, a college education at most public universities or a baby.

The fate of 'Baby M' will be decided by Judge Harvey Sorkow, who is to announce his decision March 30. The infant girl came to national attention after she was abducted by her biological mother.

Mary Beth Whitehead, the biological mother, signed a contract to bear a child for William and Elizabeth Stern. After the birth, Whitehead refused the agreed-upon \$10,000 payment and fled to Florida with the baby.

It is obvious from Whitehead's actions that she had changed her mind about the agreement. But legally, a contract is binding whether you are talking about a human life or stereo equipment. So when Whitehead was found some three months after her March, 1986, disappearance, officials returned Baby M to the Sterns.

While I feel sorry for Whitehead, I do not feel Baby M should be placed in her custody. Whitehead used bad judgment, at the very least, in her initial decision and her following actions.

Whitehead, already a mother, should have



known the intense bonding that takes place between mother and unborn child. Given this knowledge, how can you agree to give up, in essence, a part of yourself?

To say \$10,000 plus expenses will cover the pregnancy, delivery and emotional costs is ludicrous. Being pregnant is a 24-hour-a-day job, seven days a week, and requires both day and night work.

Few women have described their pregnancy or delivery as the highlight of motherhood. Yet, Whitehead was willing to miss what most mothers call the best part of being a mother: watching your child grow up.

What motivates women like Whitehead to become surrogate mothers? Psychologists and psychiatrists say there are several needs or desires prospective surrogate mothers feel.

Studies show nine of 10 surrogate mothers

do it for the money. Although money is not the only reason, it is a significant factor. Secondly, some women enjoy being pregnant. These women see pregnancy as a positive experience and give birth easily. Also, some women feel compassion for childless couples.

Regardless of Whitehead's motives, she did feel a sense of loss great enough for her to change her mind. Her actions cannot be condoned, but her position should be understood.

Researchers say all women who have given up a child feel grief. Some women have become so distraught, they have needed counseling.

In any other surrogate case, I would side with the biological mother. However, I feel Whitehead's mental stability is questionable.

She fled to Florida instead of seeking legal assistance, as she eventually had to do. Whitehead also threatened to kill herself and the baby if she did not get custody.

Whitehead's if-I-can't-have-her-then-no-one-can attitude sends us a clear message that she needs mental help. She also falsely accused Stern of sexually abusing her daughter.

Whitehead's past actions will severely limit her chances of gaining custody of the baby. As her chances decrease, the likelihood the Sterns

will receive custody increases.

Whatever the outcome, this case will serve as a precedent for other cases concerning the legality of surrogate parenting. And there will be others.

Feminist groups have rallied behind Whitehead. These groups and Whitehead's attorney have argued that a surrogate mother contract exploits women.

While under a surrogate contract, a woman becomes nothing more than a baby factory. She is paid for the production, transportation and delivery of a product. And a decision against Whitehead would confirm the court's rights to regulate the distribution of the product.

Also, Whitehead's attorney argued surrogate contracts create class bias. "It will always be the wife of a sanitation worker who will bear the children for the pediatrician," Whitehead's attorney said.

Given the emotional loss a surrogate mother suffers and the possible sexual and economic discrimination surrogate motherhood implies, I would support the biological mother's rights. However, it is Whitehead's actions and not her parental rights that dominate my opinion. Whitehead, while loving, may prove to be too unstable to parent.

Letters

'Amazed at attention'

To the editor:

I am amazed at the amount of attention that the university community has devoted to one silly "Big Max" cartoon. We should discuss more important issues. For instance, have you all seen the big, colorful posters that the administration has placed in every classroom in order to warn students that their professors may be committing acts of sexual harassment? Perhaps we should discuss whether it might be more appropriate for the administration to put up equally big and equally colorful posters warning the professors that the students may be committing acts of cheating.

Art Diamond,
associate professor of economics

'Letter worthy of Russia'

To the editor:

Several times in the past, I have found myself hurriedly scratching out a response to some obnoxious letter I read in the Gateway. These drafts have always been thrown out as I could never find the time to mail them. Until now. The following referenced letter was simply too absurd to let that happen again.

Joseph Hopkins, the vice president of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), wrote a letter (Gateway, Feb. 25) to complain of a great injustice.

The letter was, indeed, a great piece of propaganda, worthy of the Russian press. Imagine the following scene: several poor, little 19-year-old third graders were busily occupying their study time with a snowball fight in the Donut Hole. Boy, oh boy, campus entertainment has leaped to new heights. Too bad SPO didn't know about it before time in order to sell tickets, huh?

But, alas, pity the poor youngsters, whose sweet memories of fun and games had to be ruined just because Mr. Skeahan (director of the Student Center) felt that they should be responsible for their actions. Isn't that just like the university administration?

First, they require us to outlay vast sums of money for the privilege of attending their classes. Next, we are forced to pay for the privilege to park on campus, and they won't even reserve our favorite parking spot. After that, we're forced to listen to some instructor, as they explain theory after theory, just so they can torture us with a test. Finally, all we get for our money and time is a little piece of paper, just to help us find a job.

As if that wasn't enough, they now tell us that we are required

to act like responsible adults! Just who does the administration think they are? Who could they possibly think we are? College students? Please say it isn't so! We paid our tuition, right? Doesn't that give us the right to abuse and misuse the university's property? What utter gall Mr. Skeahan must have to ask that someone pay for *all* the damages and lost revenue. Why should anyone have to pay for *all* the money lost? I mean, after all, it was all in fun, wasn't it?

This type of mentality leads one to believe that it would be alright with Joe if someone vandalized his car, as long as they threw a couple of dollars on the seat before they left. Or maybe Joe's mother let him and his buddies stage snowball fights in her living room, as long as he was willing to forfeit that week's allowance.

Simply stated, the university *should* charge for *all* the damages and lost revenue caused by this immature incident. Mr. Skeahan's attempt to arrive at such a value, by averaging the previous four Friday's revenues, is both logical and reasonable. What else would you have him do, Joe? Do you expect him to dig up the last four or more previous "dead week" Friday's revenues and reconcile these dollar amounts to 1987 dollars?

Your speculation as to how many of the "would-be diners" would go elsewhere in the Student Center to eat is just a guess. There are simply too many variables. So what, if you didn't get to "see the books," Joe? Did you offer to let him see IFC's books to see, as was stated in the paper's lead story, that there really was no more money in IFC's checking account?

Further, if you want an "itemized account" of the losses, why not offer to pay for someone's time to put such a thing together? Do you really believe that Mr. Skeahan and his staff have nothing else to do? Besides, Joe, be honest: Did the students involved give Mr. Skeahan a chance to review their plans? Was he given a chance to examine the snowballs? Maybe he should have been given the chance to play with them! Perhaps by similar logic, the students involved should have thrown more snowballs, to get the most fun per dollar.

Joe, I see reason for neither your martyristic attitude, nor for Mr. Skeahan to accept your "generous solution." His responsibilities to manage the Student Center were severely increased, as was the work load of his staff, due to the actions of your IFC members.

I will grant that you made a couple of points to your credit. The \$200 paid by the IFC is indeed a step in the right direction. And you have indicated that the fraternities "accepted" total responsibility for what some of their members had done. Yet, how can you say that "the fraternities are giving into the demands, it seems . . . to save the traditional meeting place of the sororities," as if you are so gallant in defending the rights of the innocent. Perhaps talk of closing the Donut Hole is a bit hasty, but is this supposed to make me feel pity? It doesn't.

Surely the acceptance of "total responsibility" by the IFC carries with it an obligation to accept the consequences. Hence, by refusing to pay, the fraternities are the ones responsible if the place is closed. Besides, if this is so important to the IFC and its members, why don't the members responsible come forward to pay the difference or, as Mr. Skeahan has offered, volunteer their services to the university in lieu of payment? Why hasn't the IFC demanded this, and threatened to drop the members, and/or their fraternities from its membership? If the students involved don't care, why should I? Maybe they would care if the university pressed formal charges for vandalism and/or malicious mischief. That would be a wonderful thing to see on a resume, wouldn't it?

As a final comment, I'm sure the entire university is utterly decimated by your decision to abstain from purchasing any "food or drink" on campus, during your "final 100 plus days as a student." Good work Joe, that'll really hit them where they live. Too bad you can't get your tuition back. Maybe there are other ways to really get back at them. Maybe you could hock your class ring. Maybe you could use your UNO sweatshirt to wash the car. Or, maybe you could even burn your student ID card and textbooks in front of the Student Center. Better yet, you could really bring them to their knees by refusing to accept your diploma. Maybe you should have gone to college somewhere else!

Reed Schwartzkopf,
UNO student

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Concern over sidestream smoke prompts resolution

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would be to compound the problem and perhaps spend the extra money we've talked about and accomplish nothing," Baker said.

The resolution would be enforced by self-policing measurements, Kolasa said, and such measures wouldn't work because of faculty members' insistence on "a great deal of freedom and initiative."

"What's more likely to happen is to exacerbate interpersonal relations, because people are going to smoke and probably close their doors now for sure," Kolasa said. "The person down the hall will smell the smoke and rush to

the Dean and report the person. They may not lose their tenure or get fired, but we're going to see a lot of unhappy people," Kolasa said.

"This doesn't impact just faculty. It impacts students heavily as well," said Faculty Senator Stanley Wileman, associate professor of math and computer sciences. "What's going to happen to the cafeteria area of the student center? How are we going to divide that into separately ventilated areas? It's not going to happen," Wileman said.

Wileman said he was also concerned that the resolution received no input from students, administrators or visitors on campus, all of which would be affected by the resolution.

Faculty Senator Suzanne Moshier, associate professor of biology and biochemistry, moved to amend the resolution in the area of providing specially ventilated lounges for smokers. "Is there any assurance that if we pass the resolution with that provision that anyone would construct the specially ventilated lounges?" Moshier said.

That amendment also lost. "The concern over spending money to help smokers has always occurred and continues to occur in ashtrays and matches. We do support smoking, and we've always supported smoking financially in many ways," said Faculty Senator David Corbin, associate professor of health, physical ed-

ucation and recreation.

The original resolution was approved, 16-9. Other provisions of the resolution include:

—As of March 1, 1988, no tobacco products may be sold on campus.

—Any full-time employee of the university may attend smoking cessation programs of the university's choosing with its financial assistance.

By December 1, 1987, receptacles for smoking materials (such as ashtrays) are to be removed from buildings, except in smoking areas and entryways.

The resolution will be forwarded to UNO Chancellor Del Weber for his consideration.

Freshman Friends assist new students with college

By KELLYE ROUW
Staff Reporter

Freshman Friends, a program designed to bring incoming freshmen and current UNO undergraduate students together, is to begin next fall.

The program, which will consist of 50 freshmen and 50 current students the first year, is designed to give the new students current student contacts who will assist them with their assimilation to college.

"We want to help them (freshmen) feel more comfortable on campus," said Terry Forman, director of orientation, who is a coordinator of the new program along with Joel Zarr, director of student activities. "A peer contact can help them with class selection, or they can show them where to turn if they are having problems with grades," Forman said. "They are more likely to be able to relate to a peer than to an adviser who is 20 to 30 years older than they are."

The idea for the program began a year and a half ago when Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of Educational and Student Affairs, suggested looking for ways to increase student enrollment, Zarr said.

"The initial purpose (of Freshman Friends) was to increase the number of students on campus," Zarr said. "In fact, the entire university is looking at ways to increase student enrollment and retain students. We think that if students feel that sense of belonging, they will tend to stay at UNO," Zarr said.

A higher enrollment figure would help offset the rising tuition rate, said both Zarr and Forman. "The university would be financially better off with more students," Zarr said.

Freshman Friends will also help the students, the coordinators said.

"Our main goal for this year is that all the freshmen in the program make it through the first year with at least a 2.0 GPA," Forman said. "That's probably unrealistic. I think at least 50 percent will make it through with a 2.0, but I'd be elated if 70 percent did," Forman said.

A random selection process will be used to choose freshmen for the program, Zarr said. A letter will be sent to the students chosen to participate, but they aren't obligated to join Freshman Friends, he said.

For upper classmen "friends," Zarr and Forman said they are looking for UNO students who have at least a 2.0 GPA and are involved in co-curricular activities.

"By selecting students involved in co-curricular activities those freshmen involved with the program might then turn around and become involved in co-curricular activities themselves," Zarr said.

Zarr and Forman have sent out letters to varsity coaches and student organization advisers and presidents at UNO, seeking recommendations for students. However, any currently-enrolled student can apply to be a Freshman Friend. Applications may be completed at the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of the Student Center or the Orientation office in the Epley Administration Building, Room 115. The application deadline is April 10.

"If they meet the qualifications, it will be on a first come, first serve basis," Zarr said.

The cost of the program will be "very minimal," Zarr said. "If one student is retained (at UNO), it would more than make up for the money spent on the program," he said.

After the first year, Zarr and Forman said that they will evaluate the program to determine how successful it was. "We're hoping that it will be an ongoing program, year-in and year-out," Zarr said.

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Health education is major portion of nurse's duties

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Hewins-Maroney agreed. "We're not trying to compete with the counseling center, but Ruth can field these problems and refer the student for help," she said.

However, there is still no medical doctor on the UNO campus and that, Hanon said, is a major problem. "Many times I would like a person to be seen by a doctor, and if one were here, he would be. Sometimes people come here from the HPER building with joint injuries.

We can use ice or an Ace bandage and refer them to a doctor," she said, "but we know that many times they won't see a doctor when they leave here. Some may not have the money."

Even treating a person with a cold or sore throat can be a problem when there is no doctor present, Hamon said. "We are not doing strep tests because we don't have a doctor to treat them," Hanon said. "Nor are we giving allergy shots because of the reactions people may have."

But Hewins-Maroney said she is trying to change this. "We are still working on getting

a physician for Student Health in the near future," she said. "I have spoken with several doctors who would be interested in working here, but no decision has been made," she said.

Hewins-Maroney said she is considering doctors who are just out of medical school, as well as those with several years experience. "We can't afford a full-time physician," she said. "The entire budget of Student Health is \$60,000 and we can't spend it all on one physician."

But now that Hanon has joined the staff, Health Services can expand its health education and counseling services.

"We have a variety of health issues on this campus because of the wide age range and the large number of women students," Hewins-Maroney said. "Student Government is interested in AIDS and the way it impacts the heterosexual population. Ruth is now working with them to get information about AIDS out to the students on campus," she said.

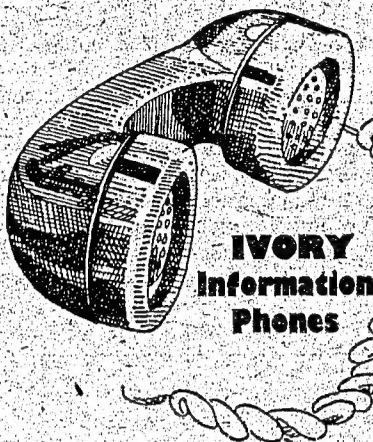
"Education is more than just going to classes," Hanon said. "I would like to see more women come in who need information on sexual activity and contraceptives. We have literature to give them and can talk with them about problems they're having. We will also be doing pregnancy tests again," she said. "There will be a \$2.50 fee to cover the cost of the supplies. But this, together with appropriate counseling, is an important service that we can offer."

However, Hanon emphasized, "We do not give out contraceptives and we do not plan to become a family planning center."

Hanon said she would also like to see Health Services provide workshops for students with eating disorders. "This is the prime age for bulimia," she said. "And we can do something to help them."

"I'd like to see Student Health become a resource center. I'd like it to be a place where people can come for information on any health problem," Hanon said.

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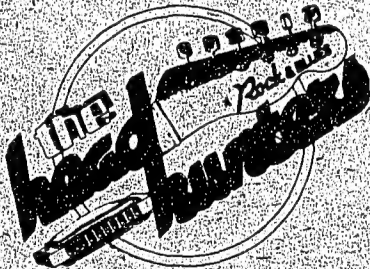
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UNO considers changing to better insurance plan

By BETTY DYHRBERG
Senior Reporter

UNO is considering changing insurance companies in search of a better student health care plan, said Barbara Hewins-Maroney, coordinator for Special Programs.

"We are presently with Keystone (a life and health insurance company in Dallas, Texas), but we are looking at other companies to see if another plan would better fit our students' needs," Hewins-Maroney said.

According to Health Services insurance clerk Jim Duffy, the Keystone student health insurance plan has a \$50 annual deductible for each person covered under the plan. The annual premium for one student is \$198. For a student and one dependent the price is \$468 a year. For a student with two or more dependents the price is \$762 a year.

Students may sign up for the plan only at the beginning of each semester. If they miss this deadline, they may still sign up for a short-term medical insurance plan, but it is much more expensive, Hewins-Maroney said.

"We want to find out what kinds of changes Keystone is making before we decide whether we will stay with them," Hewins-Maroney said. "We are sending out questionnaires to students who are participating in our health insurance program to find out how well the plan is fitting their

needs and what they would like to see included in the plan. This information will help us make our decision," she said. "But basically, students want better coverage and lower rates than we have to offer."

Any student who is carrying six or more credit hours may sign up for student health insurance.

"I'd like to see the insurance available in pro-rated monthly increments," said Duffy, also a UNO student. "You have to pay the premium in one lump sum, you can't spread it out over monthly payments. I don't have their health insurance, because I couldn't afford to pay the whole premium all at once along with books and tuition," Duffy said.

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According to Duffy, the plan will cover prescribed drugs used in the hospital, but not outpatient prescriptions. And dental work is covered only if the damage is the result of an accident, he said.

"Except for a few little bugs, it is still a good deal. But what everybody wants to know first is how much does it cost," Duffy said.

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Features

Despite Mel's eyes

'Weapon' rolls downhill

By ELIZABETH TAPE
Staff Reviewer

The single redeeming feature of "Lethal Weapon" is Mel Gibson's blue eyes; but the film goes downhill from there.

The film opens with young woman lounging half-naked on a sofa who then plunges to her death from her apartment balcony. The film proceeds to describe the investigation into what turns out to be her murder.

We meet Roger Murtaugh (Danny Glover), a solid policeman at fifty who no longer pursues active duty, but takes on this case because the dead woman was the daughter of a fellow Vietnam veteran. Murtaugh lives in a beautiful

combat ensues as Murtaugh prevents any of the many back-up officers from interfering. Even though Mel Gibson wins, (as we know that he will), because he has not yet killed Joshua, we realize that the script has a little bit more in store for us — in slow motion, of course.

In addition to everything else, a component of overt sadism transpires. Joshua, the albino



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros., Inc.
Mel Gibson (foreground) and Danny Glover star in Warner Bros. new action-thriller "Lethal Weapon."

like henchman to the head of the drug ring, is introduced to us by a flaming cigarette lighter held one inch below his arm as he stands immobile and unflinching.

Later in the film, when Murtaugh and Riggs have been caught by members of the drug ring, prolonged scenes of savage torture ensue. There was an adequate notion of the evil of the drug ring before these scenes. There was no need to demonstrate further their depravity. The filmmakers were undoubtedly attempting to enhance Gibson's macho image as he suffers this brutal torture so bravely, but in fact the scenes were superfluous and repulsive.

More minor complaints include the following: Early in the film, we learn about Riggs' tenuous mental status. A psychiatrist pleads with his superior officer that he is suicidal and should be removed from active duty. But none of this psychiatric mumbo-jumbo for the ever-powerful Gibson. The film holds nothing but contempt for this psychiatrist, depicting her as feeble for suggesting that grief over the death of one's spouse could leave someone (whose job involves carrying a lethal weapon and daily life-and-death decisions) temporarily unable to function adequately.

A few minutes earlier, we witness a lengthy, emotional scene as Gibson loads his weapon and places it in his mouth, attempting to kill himself.

What is most insulting about this sequence of scenes is that the audience is played both

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house in the suburbs with his lovely wife and his three adorable children.

In contrast, Martin Riggs (Mel Gibson) is an unorthodox cop whose abilities to function are questioned as he mourns the death of his wife. He lives alone in a trailer and has no life outside of his work.

The portrait of the officers' efforts to identify the parties responsible for the woman's murder and bring them to justice champions the causes of violence and eye-for-an-eye revenge. Riggs is known for killing, a characteristic praised throughout the film. When he and Murtaugh encounter suspects, they likely will be killed and the deaths glorified. We witness discussions of guns and shooting abilities. More than the depiction of overt violence, it is the pervasive and persistent extolling of this approach to justice that is despicable.

The acting is pitiful. Danny Glover attempts

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Mel Gibson fares no better. As an example, his displays of a wild gaze, complete with facial twitching, appear ludicrous. The blatant overstatements from both actors land somewhere between comedy and annoyance.

The script is predictable. In addition to knowing that every villain will die, several other portions of this plot can be anticipated. After meeting Murtaugh's idyllic suburban family, we know that they will be involved by the villains. By far the worst offense is the end, when Murtaugh and Riggs have ensnared their arch-enemy Mr. Joshua (Gary Busey) and are about to place him in the squad car.

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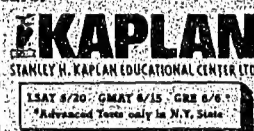
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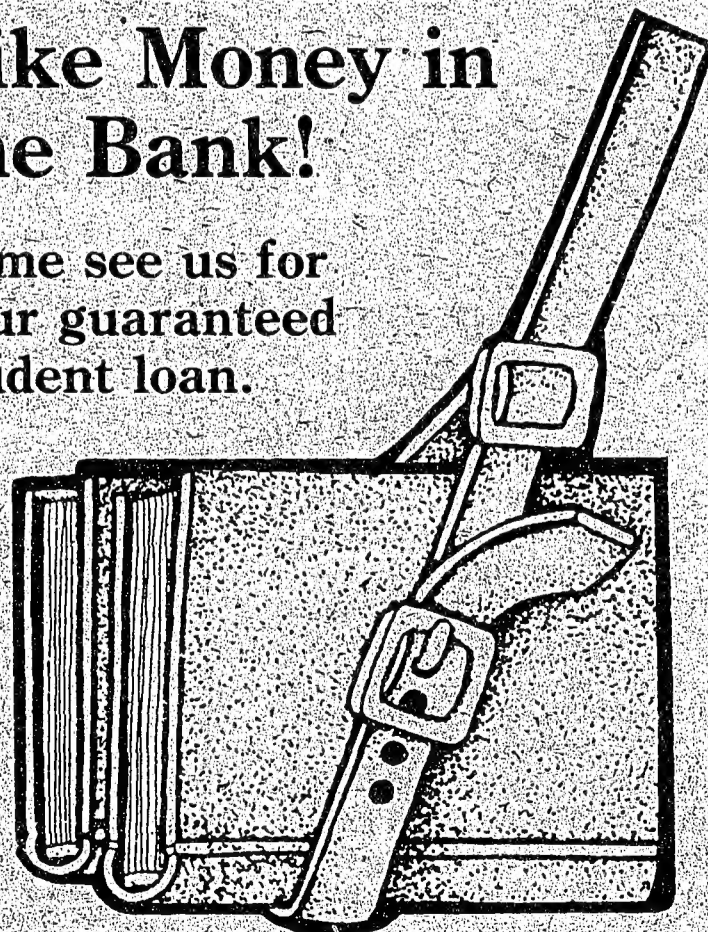
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'Lethal Weapon' glorifies both killing and revenge

'Weapon'

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ways by the filmmakers: we are asked to take Gibson's suicide attempt seriously, yet when the psychiatrist comes to the same conclusion, she is practically laughed off the screen. That is poor script-writing, made more annoying by casting the psychiatrist as a woman to enhance the ridicule and to toss in a jab at women as being weak in contrast to Gibson's toughness.

Another complaint is Gibson's smoking throughout the film. It is entirely inappropriate to offer such a hero witnessed smoking in almost all his scenes. Furthermore, when Murtaugh, in whose car he is riding, asks him to stop, Riggs makes a joke about smoking and the issue is dropped. Not only does the hero of

this film chain-smoke, but the efforts of his partner to exercise his right for clean air are mocked. At another point, Riggs makes a joke

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about dying from his cigarettes. Such humor is reprehensible.

The character images of women in this film

are appalling. The female-psychiatrist is scorned. The only other women in the film are Murtaugh's wife, seen only in the kitchen, his daughter, who is victimized, the young woman (a prostitute) who dies, and several other scantily-clad young women who hang around the villains.

My last complaint is the utterly gratuitous nudity in this film. The opening sequence of the young woman includes protracted shots of her unclad chest. Shortly thereafter is an equally unnecessary vision of Gibson's unadorned posterior. Though unnecessary female nudity is by far the more common offense, unnecessary male nudity is no more laudable.

I could not recommend this film to anyone. It supports a creed of violent revenge with ut-

ter disregard for the law. I am not rigidly opposed to the depiction of violence on film. My objection here relates to the romanticizing and

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glorification of killing. Moreover, this espousal of violent revenge is not only a theme within the film — it is its basis.

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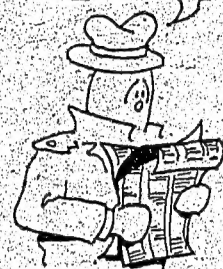
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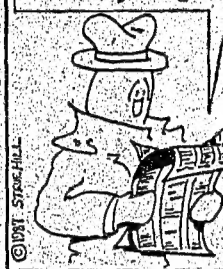
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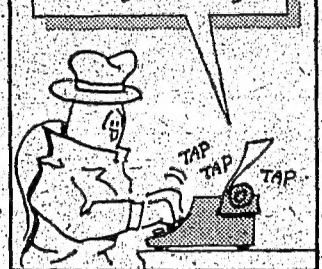
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Sports

Lady Mavs keep sharp in offseason volleyball league

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

Advancing to the Division II NCAA Regionals five straight years, and posting third-place finishes the last two, is proof that UNO has developed a dominant volleyball program, right?

"Wrong," UNO Coach Janice Kruger said. "Every year you have to recruit better players, and find ways to improve the players you have, or you'll find you're not winning as much any more. The competition in volleyball increases all the time."

With their opening game almost six months away, Kruger has found a way to keep the Lady

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—Janice Kruger

Mavs in competitive trim. The offseason answer is the United States Volleyball Association.

The USVBA is a league a team can compete in the offseason without the results counting toward the sanctioned number of games a team can play in a year.

"One of the biggest benefits we get out of these games," Kruger said, "is we give the freshman a chance to play. During the regular season they don't get as much time as we would like, and this gives them a chance to develop."

The four freshman on the 45-4 team last season were 5-foot-9 outside hitter Amy Gradville from Omaha, Neb.; 5-10 outside hitter Janice Pradeaux from Elkhorn, Neb.; 5-10 outside hitter Kim Schlange from Auburn, Neb.;

and 5-10 outside hitter Nancy Liebentritt, also from Omaha, Neb. Only Liebentritt received extensive playing time.

"We lost Allie Nuzum to graduation," Kruger said. "And Angie Oswald has left the team. We'll be counting on those girls to step in and do the job." Nuzum was an All-American last year, and Oswald earned All-North Central Conference honors in 1985.

So far UNO has not enjoyed the same success in the USVBA as they did during last year's record-setting season. The Lady Mavs were 4-2 in the Drake tournament. They won the round-robin UNO tourney, then posted a 5-3 mark in the Nebraska University tournament and failed to make the championship round.

"It's hard to think about team success in this league," UNO All-American Ruth Evans said. "It's good for the individual. But you don't have the same intensity you do during the regular season."

Evans said part of the reason UNO isn't dominating in the USVBA is that players are recuperating from injuries.

"Regina Rule is still building up her knee," Evans said. "And I can't play because of my stress fracture."

Evans, who played most of the season last year with a stress fracture in her right shin, said it's hard for her to watch her teammates. "It really does make you want to play," Evans said. "But I can't until April."

Kruger said UNO will be able to challenge once again next year for a national championship.

"Last year we set a goal at the start of the season to win a national title," Kruger said. "This year we can be just as good but we'll need to find a leader like Nuzum."

UNO returns All-NCC selections Lori Schutte, Lisa Lyons, Darla Melcher and Evans. Kruger says that will make the job easier for the new members of the lineup. "We've got good people," Kruger said. "We can be just as tough."

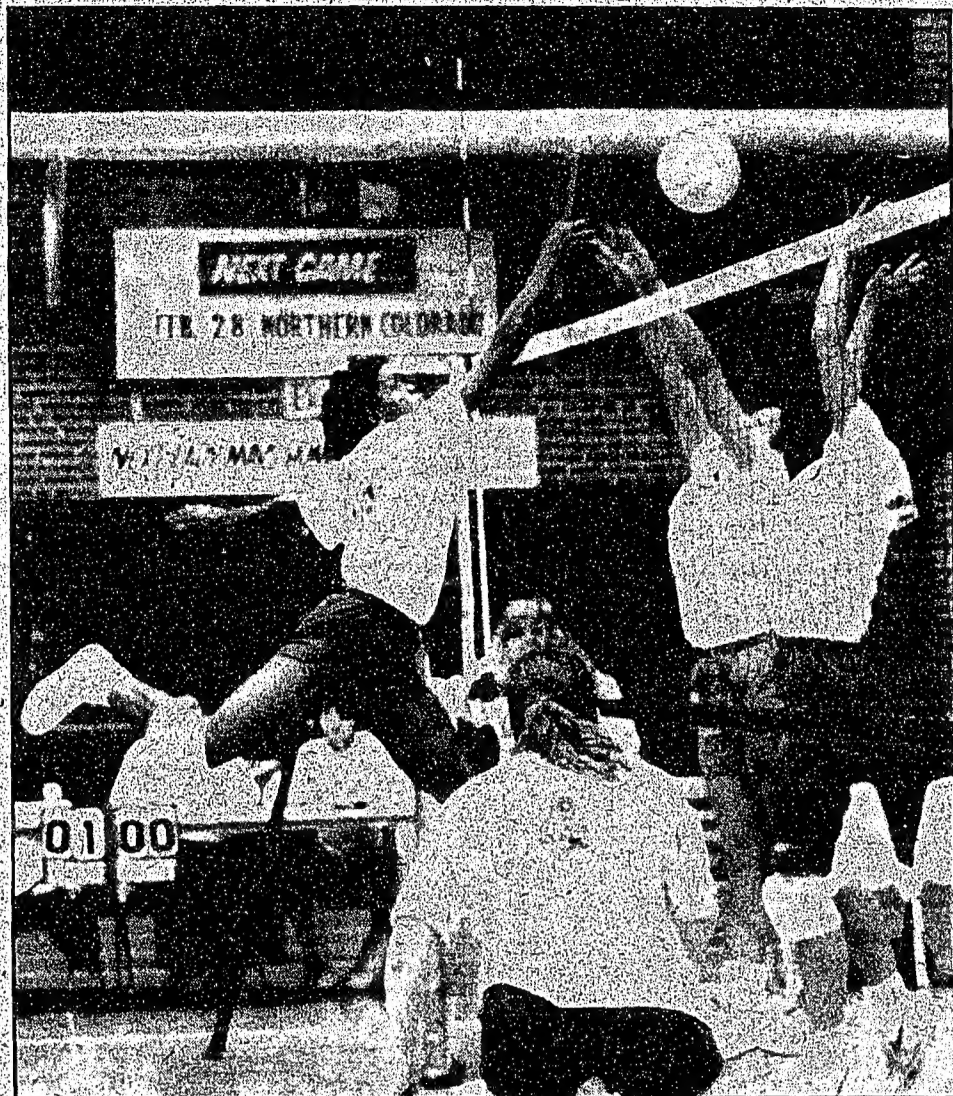


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Lisa Lyons, far left, taps the ball over the UNO Alumni front line in a scrimmage volleyball game.

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Young Mavs begin baseball season with a bang

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

The UNO baseball Mavericks rushed out of the gate in 1987 with three straight wins last week before settling for a 4-2 record.

The Mavs, 15-20 last season, swept two games from Dana, 10-4, 4-3, then defeated Doane 11-3 in the first game of a twin bill.

Doane rallied in the second game to post a 4-2 triumph. Peru State also split with the Mavs, winning 2-1 in the first game and dropping the nightcap 11-3.

UNO Coach Bob Gates, in his 11th season at UNO, said he was hoping for a 6-0 mark at this point in the season. "I thought we could have won all six games," Gates said. "But we ran into some pretty good pitching in the games we lost."

In the season opener, freshman pitcher Gary Lane settled down after giving up two runs in each of the first two frames. Lane allowed only two hits and no runs after the second inning.

"He might have to warm up a little more," Gates said. "I'd like to see him leave that first inning in the bullpen."

Lane, a freshman from Omaha Benson, said the slow start in his first collegiate game didn't faze him. "The first four guys got a hit off me," Lane said. "I knew they couldn't do that all

game. They were just hitting the gaps."

Lane said he reaffirmed the fact he is not a power pitcher in the opener. "I used a lot of offspeed pitches after the second inning," Lane said. "I'm not going to blow the ball by people."

The Mavs have 16 sophomores and freshmen on their 21-man roster, and Gates said he is satisfied with the way they are playing.

"These guys showed they can come back," Gates said. "We've been behind in every game we've played but the kids battle back."

"We'll play a lot better teams in the North Central Conference," he said. "But these kids are competitors. I think they'll get the job done."

The hitting of the Mavs may be the biggest surprise this spring. "We lost our top six hitters," Gates said. "But these kids can hit the long ball. We didn't do much of that last year."

Last year's first baseman, Joe Hendricks, who batted .453, and outfielder Pat Gibbons, .425, both graduated in 1986.

"We've got a couple of people that are uppercutting the ball," Gates said. "If we can get them to hit line drives we'll be even better."

"Brian Flemming, our catcher, has hit the heck out of the ball," Gates said. "He's got a lot to learn, but he got off to a great start."

Flemming went 6 for 7 against Dana and drove in three runs. His single in the fifth inning of the second game provided the game-winning run.

Shortstop Gary Newton also provided offensive punch, going 4 of 6 including the first UNO home run of the year and a bases loaded triple. Newton hit .263 with 2 homers and had 14 stolen bases last year. "We'll look to him to hold our infield together," Gates said.

Bruce Godwin, returning to the team after a year's absence, has nailed down the regular left field job, Gates said. "He's very steady," Gates said. "He'll spell Flemming at catcher some of the time, but he's my left fielder."

Gates said the Mavs won't face any better pitching all year than they did against Marty Voiles of Peru State. Voiles struck out eight and retired the first 12 UNO batters in improving his record to 2-1. UNO had the tying run on third base with two outs in the last inning, but Newton grounded out.

Troy Teichmayer threw a three-hitter in the second game as UNO rallied to pound the Bobcats 11-3. It was Teichmayer's first collegiate start.

Right fielder Doug Speckman knocked in the game-winning runs with a two-run triple in the Mavs' decisive six-run sixth inning.

UNO will play the Nebraska Cornhuskers today at College World Series Park at 2 p.m.



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UNO third baseman Sam DeGeorge, No. 15, rips a line drive against Dana pitching in UNO's season-opening 10-4 win.

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Spring date set for UNO football

Fresh from honoring a list of 12 1986 UNO football players, Coach Sandy Buda announced that spring practice will begin for the 1987 Mavs on Monday, March 30.

At the team's annual football banquet, All-American linebacker Keith Coleman added the Glen Hepburn Award for defensive excellence to his UNO Male Athlete of the Year Award. The Hepburn award derives its name from the late Glen Hepburn, a Maverick defensive standout in the 1960s.

Senior fullback Pat Wurth won the Tom Hutchison Award for most enthusiastic play. "Pat Wurth was always ready to play," Buda said.

Senior linebacker Kevin Kush, whose season was shortened by injury, won the Lifter of the Year Award for his weight room prowess.

The outstanding player at each position for 1986 was: senior running back Gerald Kellogg; junior defensive back Steve Belton; junior offensive lineman Tim Messman; senior defensive lineman Jim Nekola; freshman wide receiver Bob Gordon; and linebacker Paul LaFond.

Rounding out the awards were Rick Gales, winning the Newcomer of the Year Award, and running back Jeff Smith and defensive back Mark Sherman sharing the Oil Can Award for outstanding play on the scout teams.

Buda said he expects 78 players or more to begin spring drills. The team will have a lot more experience than last year's edition with 39 lettermen, including 26 with starting experience, Buda said.

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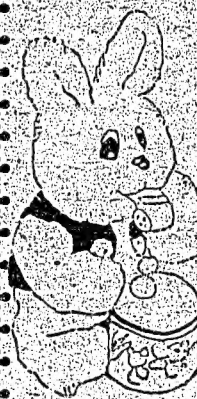
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